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**To:** Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services Stakeholders  
**From:** Theresa Koleszar, Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services  
**RE:** RFF 2016-08 Provision of Pre-Employment Transition services awardees  
**Date:** July 22, 2016

The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) is pleased to announce that several area providers have been awarded funding for the provision of Pre-Employment Transition Services to students with disabilities, beginning in October 2016. Pre-Employment Transition services are a new requirement for Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR), under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The awarded providers, along with various partner organizations, will provide Pre-Employment Transition services to students with disabilities throughout the state of Indiana. The specific services being offered include job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, counseling on opportunities for postsecondary education, workplace readiness training and instruction in self-advocacy.

The nine providers awarded were selected from among 22 respondents to a request for funding. Each awarded provider is collaborating with several other VR service providers in each respective geographic area, ensuring that Pre-Employment Transition services are widely available to students with disabilities. The selected providers are as follows:

- Opportunity Enterprises, Inc.
- Easter Seals Crossroads
- New Horizons Rehabilitation
- PEAK Community Services
- Stone Belt ARC
- Sycamore Services, Inc.
- Aspire Indiana, Inc.
- Bona Vista
- Easter Seals Arc of North East Indiana

If you have questions regarding the provision of Pre-Employment Transition services, or if further information or clarification is needed you may send an email to [william.colteryahn@fssa.in.gov](mailto:william.colteryahn@fssa.in.gov).

